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TAGS: PINT, SHUM, CSCE, CZ
SUBJECT: JANOUCH ON CHARTER 77

1. EMIRGE CZECHOSLOVAK PHYSICIST FRANTISEK JANOUCH TELEPHONED
CHARGE AUG 8 AND DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS
SAID FOLLOWING OF POSSIBLE INTEREST RE SITUATION IN PRAGUE:

2. RE CHARTER 77, HE HAD SPOKEN WITH A FRIEND AUG 7 WHO SAID
"BOTH SIDES WERE TIRED, AND A SUMMER TRUCE HAD BEEN DECLARED."
(TONE OF HIS COMMENTS JIBED CLOSELY WITH EMBASSY PRAGUE'S
REPORTING.) HOWEVER, MORE CHARTER 77 PAPERS WERE IN PREPARATION
AND HE COULD ASSURE US THAT SOMETHING NEW WOULD BE OUT IN
SEPTEMBER IF NOT BY THE END OF AUGUST.

3. THE REPORT OF THE CSCE COMMISSION SOUNDED VERY GOOD TO HIM
FROM WHAT HE HAD READ IN THE PRESS. HE AND HIS FRIENDS HOPED
THAT DETENTE WOULD NOT BE ABANDONED, BUT AT SAME TIME THEY
FELT US HAD TO STAND FIRM ABOUT WRONGS COMMITTED IN EASTERN
EUROPE. THEY APPROVED APPROACH OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION THUS FAR.

4. DESPITE "TRUCE" IN PRAGUE, SEVERAL OF HIS DISSIDENT
FRIENDS, INCLUDING HAJEK, WERE STILL UNDER HEAVY 24-HOUR
GUARD. SUCH A LONG PERIOD OF SURVEILLANCE WAS UNUSUAL.
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(HE ADDED THAT IT WAS NOT UNIQUE IN CZECH COMMUNIST
HISTORY, HOWEVER. RECENTLY HE HAD FOUND THAT WHEN THE
ONSLAUGHT AGAINST THE CATHOLIC CHURCH STARTED IN EARLY
FIFTIES, SEVERAL BISHOPS WERE PUT UNDER HOUSE ARREST
AND REMAINED SO, MORE OR LESS OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE
OUTSIDE WORLD, UNTIL THE PLIGHT OF THOSE WHO SURVIVED
BECAME KNOWN IN EARLY 1968.)

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